

Cynthia Taylor Candidate for Vice Chair

Cynthia (Cyndi) is presently the Director of Research, Policy, and Planning, for the Board of Parole. She is a graduate of the TGMI Class of 2008-I.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Cynthia is currently a member of the TGI Book Club.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Cynthia's has participated in a 5K run for Susan G. Coleman and fundraising, and is a member of the Lifepoint Church in Smyrna.

MOST MEMORABLE TGMI EXPERIENCE: "Black Hawk Helicopter ride with Classmates."

REASON FOR WANTING TO BE VICE CHAIR:

"After being nominated by a Classmate to serve as Vice Chair of TGMI, I began to reflect back on my TGMI experience. 2008 seems like such an eternity ago, yet the lessons learned and the friends made at TGMI last still today. During my ten years with the State, I have participated in a lot of various training, but none has left a lasting impression on me quite like TGMI. Although we all learned a lot during TGMI, that is not what makes the experience special, it is the people you meet and the relationships you develop that sets TGMI apart from other training experiences. My TGMI Classmates were there to offer support after my family and I lost everything (except for each other) in the Good Friday tornado in 2009, and it was just yesterday that I received two emails from the fabulous April Wright reminding us of a fellow Classmate's birthday and scheduling a birthday lunch for Classmates. Those are the things that make the TGMI family special.

Why did I accept the nomination for Vice Chair? That answer is easy. I am reminded of the Bible verse that says "to whom much was given, of him much will be required." My participation in TGMI has given much to me over the past several years (friendships, networking

opportunities, TGL conferences, etc.), and it is time for me to give something back.

The TGMI experience shouldn't end with the two weeks we spend together in class. We should all reflect back on our time in TGMI and make a commitment to reconnect with the Classmates we have lost touch with, and to take advantage of all that being a TGMI Alumnus has to offer. I am willing to accept that challenge and serving on the Steering Committee is a great start!

I am thankful to now be in a position, both in my work and home life, to be able to commit the time and energy needed to serve TGMI. I understand the commitment required to serve in the capacity of Vice Chair, and am honored that one of my Classmates thought of me in this role."